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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION (IPC) :

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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International application No.

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-4, 12-14</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 5-11</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-14</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to controlling a power network during a fault condition. The object of the invention is to avoid that protecting devices are unnecessarily tripped. This is accomplished by a delay caused by a voltage raising means.

Documents cite in the International Search Report:

D1: US 5867356 A

D2: EP 0474186 A2

D1 discloses a current limiting system, for example used for power transmission (column 1, lines 6-11). The system comprises two branches, one comprising a main switch (16) and the other comprising a current limiting element (18) and a switch (20). A control unit (27) controls the main switch (16), as well as the switch (20), as disclosed in claim 1. The control unit may be implemented as a suitably programmed computer (column 4, lines 8-13).

D2 shows a system comprising a series switch (2) and parallel connection of a circuit breaker (1), preferably implemented as a GTO-thyristor, a current limiting impedance (4) and a voltage limiting element (5) (fig. 1, column 5, line 15 - column 6, line 21).

The invention according to independent claims 1, 6 and 10 is known from D1. The invention according to claims 5, 7-9 and 11 is also known from D1.

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The further details added in claims 2-4 and 12-14 are not explicitly mentioned in D1, but since these additions concern well known circuit elements, which are used for their usual purposes, without accomplishing any special technical effect, the invention according to claims 2-4 and 11-14 is not considered to involve an inventive step.

The invention according to claims 1 and 5-11 is not novel. The invention according to claims 2-4 and 12-14 is not considered to involve an inventive step. The invention according to claims 1-14 is industrially applicable.

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claim 12 refers to a method according to claims 8-9. These claims do not concern a method. However, claims 10-11 define a method. It is assumed that claim 12 actually should refer to these claims. The same line of reasoning should also be applied on claim 14.